

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |) | |
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| PLAINTIFF, |) | CASE NO. 2:21-cr-56(1) |
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| vs. |) | |
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| STEPHEN A. WILSON, |) | REDACTED |
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| DEFENDANT. |) | |
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TRANSCRIPT OF SENTENCING PROCEEDINGS
BEFORE THE HONORABLE ALGENON L. MARBLEY
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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COLUMBUS, OHIO

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THE COURT: Ms. Stash, would you call the next case.

THE DEPUTY CLERK: Case No. 2:21-CR-56-1, United States of America versus Stephen A. Wilson.

THE COURT: Just for line of sight ease, could I have you all switch so I can see Ms. MacDonald and Mr. Wilson?

Thank you.

Ms. Czerniejewski, I believe that -- Ms. MacDonald, you've already identified yourself for the record earlier.

MS. MACDONALD: I did, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Ms. Czerniejewski, what is the status of this portion of the proceeding?

MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Your Honor, on January 28th, 2022, the defendant entered guilty pleas to Count One, Two and Three of the superseding indictment which charged him with sexual exploitation of a minor or attempted sexual exploitation of a minor, and that was in violation of 18 U.S.C. 2251(a) and (e), and there is one count of forfeiture that was contained in that superseding indictment featuring ten separate items. The final PSR has been completed, and we are here for the defendant to be sentenced pursuant to his guilty plea.

THE COURT: Ms. MacDonald, was the Presentence Investigation Report, including any and all revisions or

1 addenda, provided to Mr. Wilson at least ten days before this
2 hearing?

3 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, Your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Mr. Wilson, will you please stand.

5 Did you receive a copy of the presentence investigation
6 report?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Including any and all revisions or
9 addenda?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: And did you review these materials?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Did you discuss these materials with your
14 attorney Ms. MacDonald?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Did Ms. MacDonald answer any and all
17 questions that you had with respect to the presentence report?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Ms. MacDonald, are any of the factual
20 statements contained in the PSR disputed by the defense?

21 MS. MACDONALD: Your Honor, while we initially had
22 some factual statements disputed, upon further reflection and
23 conversation, we're withdrawing that. So, no, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Ms. Czerniejewski?

25 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Your Honor, there's none on behalf

1 of the United States.

2 THE COURT: There being no objections to the factual
3 statements contained in the PSR, the Court hereby adopts those
4 statements as its findings of fact.

5 Ms. MacDonald, there were, I believe, three objections
6 that the defense had to the probation officer's conclusions
7 with respect to the applicable advisory guidelines.

8 MS. MACDONALD: No, Your Honor. Those are regarding
9 the factual statements we have withdrawn. We have no
10 objections to the guidelines.

11 THE COURT: Okay. There being no objections, the
12 Court finds that the probation officer properly calculated the
13 Total Offense Level to be 43, and the Criminal History Category
14 I.

15 Are there any objections to this calculation,
16 Ms. MacDonald?

17 MS. MACDONALD: No, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Ms. Czerniejewski?

19 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: None.

20 THE COURT: Ms. MacDonald, what is the defense
21 position with respect to the application of the 3553(a) factors
22 and the judgment that you would urge the Court to impose in
23 this case against the backdrop of this being an 11(c)(1)(C)
24 plea where the range in terms of the agreed-upon period of
25 incarceration is from 360 months, that is, 30 years, to 720

1 months, or 60 years?

2 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, Your Honor, we are asking the
3 Court to accept the (c)(1)(C) plea to the 30 to 60 years.

4 THE COURT: I have already -- if I'm not mistaken,
5 I've already accepted this. I have accepted the 11(c)(1)(C)
6 plea. The only question is whether he gets 30 years or 60.

7 MS. MACDONALD: We would encourage the Court -- we're
8 asking the Court to sentence him to the 30 years, the 360
9 months. Taking into account looking at both general deterrence
10 and specific deterrence, general deterrence, Mr. Wilson has no
11 prior criminal history. This is his only offense. Thirty
12 years is a significant length of time for anyone in a similar
13 situation to be facing incarceration.

14 More specifically, with specific deterrence, Mr. Wilson
15 is 39 years old. The sentence at the low end is almost the
16 exact -- close to the length of time that he has been alive to
17 twice the length of time he has been alive, or just under that.
18 Doing some calculations, if the Court were to sentence him to
19 30 years, Mr. Wilson would not be released from custody until
20 he was in his 60s, at 63. If the Court were to sentence him to
21 45 years, he would be 75 years. And I understand the
22 government is seeking the maximum penalty of 60 years. He
23 would be 88 years old.

24 THE COURT: Did you say 88?

25 MS. MACDONALD: Eighty-eight, Your Honor.

1 There's been studies out there that talk about the
2 development of age being -- speeding up for those in custody
3 because of the -- custody in prison is a punishment, but they
4 can age up to two years if they've been exposed to violence
5 sooner than maybe their biological age would be.

6 In this case, also why we're asking for the 30-year
7 sentence, also taking into account -- well, one, again, he
8 would be in his 60s -- at earliest he would be in his 60s. The
9 victims in this case, in no way to minimize the victimization
10 to them -- I did hear from the Mayses that were talking about
11 wanting the children to be mature and adults before there's any
12 possibility that either Mr. or Mrs. Wilson get out. With the
13 30-year sentence, the youngest child would be -- at least doing
14 the calculation, she would be 36, the oldest would be 54. They
15 would be much older. I believe there will probably be no
16 contact regardless, but just to put into context that this is a
17 significant length of time we're talking about.

18 But, then, for specific deterrence, the defense did
19 provide for the Court -- we have -- the Court has a presentence
20 report, but there's also an evaluation from Dr. Stinson in
21 addition to the defense sentencing memorandum. And for the
22 Court to consider how we got here, how Mr. Wilson got here, I
23 believe Dr. Stinson talks about scripts, generational scripts,
24 and how it was not surprising, I guess, based on the
25 generational trauma that we ended up in this point in time.

1 There is a history of intra-familial molestation on both
2 sides of the family, a history of violence, suicide, substance
3 abuse, early relationships or pregnancies, and marriages. And
4 Mr. Wilson has followed in the family script, not to excuse his
5 actions in any way, but to give the Court some context or
6 understanding as to how he got here and why a 30-year sentence
7 would be significant to make sure that Mr. Wilson, whenever he
8 eventually is able to leave prison, if that is a person in his
9 60s, is going to be fundamentally different than the person
10 that -- the person he was up until his arrest because during
11 that time he can undergo mental health assessments and
12 treatment, substance abuse treatment, sex offender treatment.
13 There's no history of him being able nor having attended any of
14 that treatment. That was not something that the family engaged
15 in even in that generational abuse that was occurring.

16 A 30-year sentence, Your Honor, that is the equivalent
17 of 10,950 days, or 262,800 hours, that Mr. Wilson is locked up,
18 that his freedom is limited, that he is told when he can eat,
19 when his lights are on, where he can move. But that's also
20 that amount of time that he can get counseling and treatment
21 and come to an understanding about why he did what he did, the
22 impact this has had on his family and his children, and what to
23 do so that he does not do this ever again.

24 He can leave the prison a different person than when he
25 has entered it. We're asking the Court simply to give him the

1 opportunity to know that one day he, in fact, could leave the
2 prison.

3 He did not put his daughters through a trial even
4 knowing that a plea agreement in this case is paramount to
5 potentially a life sentence on the high end of the 60 years,
6 given the age that he would be, at the earliest, 88 when
7 released, assuming that he doesn't get sick or something happen
8 while he is incarcerated. I think in 2022, a life expectancy
9 for a male in the United States was 78 years old out of a
10 prison context.

11 We would ask the Court that in making a recommendation
12 for prison, that he either go to -- depending on his security
13 level -- Elkton, Ohio; Petersburg, Virginia; or Lexington,
14 Kentucky.

15 Your Honor, I won't go into all of the prior family
16 information that's detailed in Dr. Stinson's report and the
17 presentence report and the sentencing memo, but I would ask the
18 Court to take into context when -- or give that some weight
19 when determining the appropriate sentence in this case. Thank
20 you.

21 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. MacDonald.

22 Ms. Czerniejewski?

23 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Yes, Your Honor. The government
24 intends to call an FBI agent as a witness in this case, in
25 addition, some of the biological children of Stephen Wilson

1 have victim impact statements specific to him, as well as two
2 of the foster parents. I would ask to adopt the statements
3 that were already read at the sentencing hearing of Jessica
4 that addressed both Stephen and Jessica Wilson. But at this
5 time, specifically, I'm seeking leave to have Agent Josh Saltar
6 take the stand.

7 MS. MACDONALD: Your Honor, if we could briefly have a
8 sidebar.

9 THE COURT: Sure.

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11 (The following proceeding was held at sidebar.)

12 MS. MACDONALD: Your Honor, when the videos are
13 playing, I have learned that those that are in the galley can
14 actually see because of the defense screens to the back.
15 Mr. Wilson does not necessarily need to or want to watch the
16 videos. I would have no objection if it's shown just to the
17 Court so it's not --

18 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Can you turn off your screen?

19 MS. MACDONALD: Maybe. I don't know how.

20 THE COURT: Diane.

21 MS. MACDONALD: Oh, yeah. She can just play it to the
22 Court and witness.

23 THE COURT: Diane, the videos that we're about to see
24 are to be played only to me and the witness. You can configure
25 it so that counsel table doesn't get it but the witness and I

1 can.

2 (The following proceeding was held in open court.)

3 THE COURT: Agent Saltar, please come forward and have
4 a seat.

5 Please proceed, Ms. Czerniejewski.

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7 JOSH SALTAR

8 Called as a witness on behalf of the Plaintiff, being
9 previously duly sworn, testified as follows:

10 DIRECT EXAMINATION

11 BY MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI:

12 Q. Agent Saltar, you're still under oath. I'm going over a
13 couple of background questions that you probably have just
14 answered, again, for purposes of the record for this.

15 Can you state your name?

16 A. Josh Saltar.

17 Q. Where are you currently employed?

18 A. FBI.

19 Q. How long have you been employed with the FBI?

20 A. Since 2014.

21 Q. Where are you assigned within them?

22 A. I'm currently assigned to the Child Exploitation and
23 Human Trafficking Task Force.

24 Q. How long have you been assigned to that task force?

25 A. Approximately two-and-a-half years.

1 Q. What types of cases do you handle within that task
2 force?

3 A. We handle crimes against children as well as the human
4 trafficking type.

5 Q. Are you the lead case agent assigned to the case
6 involving Stephen Wilson?

7 A. Yes, I am.

8 Q. Do you see Stephen Wilson in the courtroom today?

9 A. Yes, I do.

10 Q. Can you please point to him and identify something he's
11 wearing?

12 A. A red and white shirt.

13 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: The record will reflect in-court
14 identification of Mr. Stephen Wilson.

15 THE COURT: The record will so reflect.

16 BY MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI:

17 Q. Just to clarify, you said red and white shirt?

18 A. I meant orange.

19 Q. How did the case -- when did you first become assigned
20 to the case?

21 A. Back at the end of February of 2021.

22 Q. Again, can you just tell the Court what specifically
23 initiated the investigation of Stephen and Jessica Wilson?

24 A. There was a disclosure made by [REDACTED], who is
25 the biological daughter of Stephen Wilson, that she had been

1 drugged and raped by Stephen. This was initiated back in 2020.
2 Initially, the Bexley Police Department picked up the case and
3 it transferred over to me at the end of February 2021.

4 Q. As the lead agent on the case, did you learn that in
5 that initial outcry by [REDACTED], she indicated that there were
6 video cameras in the home that may have captured it?

7 A. Yes, she did.

8 Q. When I say "it," I mean the sexual assault of [REDACTED]
9 [REDACTED] by her father Stephen.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. How old was [REDACTED] at the purported time this took
12 place?

13 A. Sixteen years old.

14 Q. As the lead agent on the case, were you also in charge
15 of the forensic analysis of all of the electronics seized?

16 A. Yes, I was.

17 Q. Did you personally review the content of each of the
18 items that were seized in this case?

19 A. Yes, I did.

20 Q. Agent Saltar, did you recover a video of the sexual
21 assault of [REDACTED] at the age of 16 by Stephen Wilson
22 in this case?

23 A. Yes, I did.

24 Q. When was that recorded?

25 A. In November of 2019.

1 Q. At the time, how old would [REDACTED] have been?

2 A. Sixteen years old.

3 Q. How long was the video in its entirety that you
4 recovered?

5 A. Approximately 22 minutes.

6 Q. Where specifically was that video recovered from?

7 A. On Stephen Wilson's cell phone.

8 Q. Prior to testifying today, did you review that video in
9 its entirety?

10 A. Yes, I did.

11 Q. Could you describe generally what that video depicts?

12 A. That depicted Stephen Wilson and [REDACTED] in
13 what was Stephen Wilson's bedroom on a waterbed. And
14 throughout the 22-minute video, Stephen Wilson sexually
15 assaulted, in various ways, [REDACTED]. Throughout the
16 video, [REDACTED] was in a semiconscious to unconscious
17 state. And that lasted the full 22 minutes.

18 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: For the record, I have marked as
19 Government Exhibit 1A, for purposes of Stephen's sentencing
20 hearing, the 22-minute video of -- that was just described by
21 Agent Saltar. At this time, I'm seeking leave to publish
22 portions of that video to the Court.

23 THE COURT: Any objection, Ms. MacDonald?

24 MS. MACDONALD: No, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: You may do so. You may proceed,

1 Ms. Czerniejewski.

2 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: First, I'm asking leave to publish
3 1A.

4 BY MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI:

5 Q. Agent Saltar, I'm going to play the video and have you
6 describe for the record what we saw in it. We can go ahead and
7 press play.

8 (Video playing.)

9 THE WITNESS: In the video, Stephen Wilson is laying
10 on the bed. [REDACTED] is laying there with her eyes
11 closed. Stephen Wilson is leaning over her and kissing her on
12 the mouth.

13 BY MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI:

14 Q. I'm now seeking leave to publish Exhibit 1B. Again,
15 after the video plays, if you could just describe to the Court
16 what we just saw.

17 (Video playing.)

18 THE WITNESS: Stephen Wilson is laying on the bed with
19 [REDACTED]. Stephen is rubbing [REDACTED], rubbing
20 her groin on the outside of her pants.

21 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Now seeking leave to publish
22 Exhibit 1C.

23 (Video playing.)

24 THE WITNESS: Stephen Wilson, again, is laying on the
25 bed with [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has her eyes closed and

1 head to the left. Stephen has his right hand down [REDACTED]
2 pants.

3 BY MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI:

4 Q. Before we move on to the next clip, what was [REDACTED]
5 demeanor throughout the entire 22-minute video that you
6 reviewed?

7 A. She was in a semiconscious to unconscious state
8 throughout the video.

9 Q. Did you learn why that was?

10 A. Yes. It was because Stephen had given [REDACTED] a pill
11 at the beginning of it.

12 Q. When you said "at the beginning," the beginning of the
13 sexual assault?

14 A. Correct.

15 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Seeking leave to publish Exhibit
16 1D.

17 THE COURT: You may.

18 (Video playing.)

19 THE WITNESS: Stephen Wilson laying on the bed with
20 [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has her eyes closed and head
21 turned to the left. Stephen has lifted [REDACTED] shirt and
22 hoodie up and has his mouth over her breasts.

23 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Now seeking leave to publish
24 Exhibit 1E.

25 THE COURT: You may.

1 (Video playing.)

2 THE WITNESS: Stephen Wilson with [REDACTED] on
3 the bed. [REDACTED] has her eyes closed and head turned to the
4 side, and her pants were removed and Stephen was performing
5 oral sex on [REDACTED].

6 BY MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI:

7 Q. Now, in this clip, [REDACTED] pants were off. In
8 reviewing the video, did you learn how her pants were removed?

9 A. Stephen removed her pants.

10 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Now seeking leave to publish
11 Exhibit 1F.

12 (Video playing.)

13 THE WITNESS: Stephen Wilson is now on top of
14 [REDACTED] again, [REDACTED] has her head to the side and
15 eyes closed, and Stephen Wilson is in between her legs and is
16 rubbing his penis and inserting his penis into [REDACTED]
17 [REDACTED] vagina.

18 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Now seeking leave to publish
19 Exhibit 1G.

20 THE COURT: Granted.

21 (Video playing.)

22 THE WITNESS: Stephen Wilson is on top of [REDACTED]
23 [REDACTED] and is penetrating [REDACTED] with his penis.

24 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: And finally Exhibit 1H. If we
25 could seek leave to publish that.

1 (Video playing.)

2 THE WITNESS: Stephen Wilson has lifted [REDACTED]
3 [REDACTED] legs over his shoulders and is vaginally penetrating
4 [REDACTED].

5 BY MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI:

6 Q. Agent Saltar, as you continued to investigate the crimes
7 committed by Stephen Wilson in this case, did you recover
8 conversations between Jessica and Stephen?

9 A. Yes, I did.

10 Q. Approximately how many text messages between the two of
11 them did you recover?

12 A. Approximately 17,000.

13 Q. Did you review each of those text messages for its
14 content itself?

15 A. Yes, I did.

16 Q. Can you generally describe for the Court what Stephen
17 and Jessica were discussing in these over 17,000 text messages?

18 A. Most of the content revolved around sex between Stephen
19 and Jessica Wilson, as well as the fantasizing of Stephen and
20 Jessica with their biological children as well as with other
21 children as well.

22 Q. Did you recover child pornography off Stephen Wilson's
23 phone?

24 A. Yes, I did.

25 Q. Off of his devices, I should say?

1 A. Yes, I did.

2 Q. Did you recover approximately -- do you recall
3 approximately how many images or videos or content of child
4 pornography that you recovered?

5 A. It was approximately at least a thousand.

6 Q. In addition to the video that was just published to the
7 Court, did you recover any additional videos directly related
8 to the sexual assault of this defendant's own children?

9 A. Yes, I did.

10 Q. What other videos did you recover?

11 A. There was a 1-minute-and-22-second video of Stephen and
12 his biological daughter [REDACTED].

13 Q. Where did you recover that video from?

14 A. From Stephen Wilson's phone.

15 Q. What was the date of the video?

16 A. It was in 2016.

17 Q. Was that June 26, 2016?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. How old would [REDACTED] have been at that time?

20 A. Approximately seven years old.

21 Q. Did you review that video prior to testifying today?

22 A. Yes, I did.

23 Q. You indicated it was an over-one-minute video. Can you
24 generally describe the entire video -- the content of the
25 entire video to the Court?

1 A. It was a zoomed-in video, and Stephen Wilson was rubbing
2 his penis on [REDACTED] vagina.

3 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Your Honor, for the record, I
4 marked the video of Stephen and [REDACTED] as Government's
5 Exhibit 2 for purposes of sentencing, which is contained in
6 full on a flash drive, and I am seeking leave to publish a
7 small portion of this video to the Court.

8 THE COURT: Any objection?

9 MS. MACDONALD: I would note we already watched this
10 video in the sentencing with Ms. Wilson. We have no objection
11 to stipulating it's the same video.

12 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: For the record, I think there was
13 confusion about it being played, and I want to be sure Agent
14 Saltar sees this portion -- I think we clipped a different
15 part -- and describes it accordingly.

16 THE COURT: This is a different video than the one
17 I've already seen?

18 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: I believe it's a little bit longer
19 than the one that was played before. It generally depicts the
20 same thing, though. I will knowledge that.

21 THE COURT: It generally depicts --

22 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: The same thing that was presented
23 during Jessica's sentencing hearing of Stephen rubbing his
24 penis on [REDACTED] nude vagina.

25 MS. MACDONALD: It appears it's a different part of

1 the minute clip, but it's the same video.

2 THE COURT: If it's him rubbing his penis on his baby
3 daughter and it's a different point in this act, the Court
4 doesn't need to see it. Trust me.

5 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Then I will move on.

6 THE COURT: It's probably imprinted in my brain.

7 BY MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI:

8 Q. Agent Saltar, did you recover any additional videos or
9 images depicting the defendant's own children?

10 A. Yes, I did.

11 Q. I specifically want to talk about any images or content
12 you recovered regarding [REDACTED]. Did you recover media
13 content depicting [REDACTED] in this case?

14 A. Yes, I did, several images.

15 Q. Can you describe generally the series of images that you
16 recovered?

17 A. There was a series of images in which Stephen Wilson and
18 [REDACTED] were in Stephen Wilson's basement. [REDACTED]
19 was looking off screen at a -- either monitor or TV that was
20 playing pornography and Stephen Wilson was standing next to
21 her.

22 Q. Based on your investigation and what you learned about
23 this case, what was the purpose of Stephen showing [REDACTED]
24 child pornography in the basement?

25 A. Stephen had told [REDACTED] at the time that she could do

1 better regarding the pornography that was being displayed.

2 Q. Where were these series of images depicting [REDACTED]
3 recovered from?

4 A. From an SD card that was located in a storage unit.

5 Q. Was the date on this series of images from
6 September 3rd, 2016?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. How old would [REDACTED] have been at that time?

9 A. Approximately seven years old.

10 Q. I want to direct your attention to three specific photos
11 from that series of images you just described which has been
12 marked in whole as Government Exhibit 3 for purposes of
13 sentencing.

14 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Your Honor, I'm seeking to publish
15 three of those images to the Court.

16 THE COURT: You may.

17 BY MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI:

18 Q. Beginning first with Exhibit 3A, can you describe what
19 this image depicts for the record?

20 A. This is Stephen Wilson and [REDACTED] in Stephen
21 Wilson's basement. [REDACTED] is looking at, again, what is a TV
22 or a monitor, and Stephen Wilson is standing over her and has
23 his penis out in front of [REDACTED].

24 Q. Now, directing your attention -- and seeking leave to
25 publish Government's Exhibit 3B. Can you describe what this

1 image shows?

2 A. This is, again, Stephen Wilson and [REDACTED] in
3 the basement. [REDACTED] is again looking at the TV and monitor.
4 Stephen is standing in front of her with his penis in his left
5 hand in front of [REDACTED] face.

6 Q. What's in Stephen's other hand?

7 A. His right hand is holding a cell phone.

8 Q. Finally, Exhibit 3C -- seeking leave to publish that to
9 the Court, the witness.

10 Can you describe what's being depicted in this image?

11 A. Again, this is Stephen Wilson and [REDACTED].
12 Again, [REDACTED] is looking off screen at the TV or monitor.
13 Stephen, again, has his penis in his left hand in front of
14 [REDACTED], and has his cell phone in his right hand.

15 Q. Thank you.

16 Agent Saltar, did you recover any additional images of
17 [REDACTED] in this case?

18 A. Yes, I did.

19 Q. Where did those additional images come from?

20 A. From Stephen Wilson's phone.

21 Q. Do you know the date that the -- those images that you
22 just -- strike that.

23 Describe generally what additional images of [REDACTED]
24 you recovered in this case?

25 A. There were several images of [REDACTED] in front of

1 Stephen with her hand on his exposed penis.

2 Q. Was there a date that you were able to ascertain that
3 these images were actually produced?

4 A. I don't recall.

5 Q. Did you know [REDACTED] approximate age in these images,
6 based on viewing her in conjunction with also seeing her
7 throughout the investigation in this case?

8 A. She would have been approximately nine or ten.

9 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Your Honor, at this time, I'm
10 seeking leave to publish the images just described by the agent
11 to the Court specifically in Government's Exhibit 4A to begin
12 with.

13 THE COURT: Yes.

14 BY MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI:

15 Q. Agent Saltar, can you describe what we're looking at in
16 this image?

17 A. [REDACTED] is sitting on Stephen's lap and she's looking
18 off screen and she has Stephen's penis in her right hand.

19 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: And seeking leave to publish
20 Exhibit 4B.

21 THE COURT: You may.

22 BY MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI:

23 Q. Describe, again, what's in this image.

24 A. [REDACTED], again, is sitting on Stephen's lap and is
25 looking off screen and has Stephen's penis in her right hand.

1 Q. Thank you.

2 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Your Honor, I have nothing further
3 for this witness.

4 MS. MACDONALD: No questions, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Agent Saltar, thank you, sir. You may be
6 excused.

7 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Your Honor, at this time, I have
8 two victims that are here that would still like to read victim
9 impact statements specific to Stephen. One of them had to
10 leave so she asked me to read that. I'm asking to go in order
11 beginning with [REDACTED].

12 THE COURT: All right.

13 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Thank you.

14 THE COURT: Ms. Stash, would you please swear in
15 [REDACTED].

16 ([REDACTED] sworn.)

17 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: [REDACTED], I know you already
18 introduced yourself to the Court and described your age, and
19 you described how you were related to Jessica, but how are you
20 related to Stephen Wilson as well?

21 [REDACTED] I'm his daughter.

22 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Did you prepare a victim impact
23 statement for the purposes of sentencing as it relates to
24 Stephen Wilson today?

25 [REDACTED] Yes.

1 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Would you wish to read that
2 statement to the Court at this time?

3 [REDACTED] Yes.

4 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: All right. Go ahead.

5 [REDACTED] I'm a 20-year-old woman, and I have
6 been a victim of sexual abuse, mental abuse, and emotional
7 abuse for nearly 13 years. This being said, I am still
8 figuring out how to manage and deal with all the effects of the
9 trauma I endorsed. These actions have caused me at a very
10 young age to not experience the childhood a child should get to
11 experience. I was a little girl, I was innocent, and I knew no
12 better, and you stole all of my innocence as a child and
13 teenager away. Not only did you do this to me, but you did it
14 to multiple innocent children.

15 My abuse, from what I can remember, began roughly before
16 going to kindergarten and progressively got worse. He used
17 tactics to make me feel like what he was doing was,
18 quote/unquote, normal and that he, quote/unquote, loved me
19 which I now know was a mind trick I would believe and would let
20 him keep doing it. It all started at the house where we buried
21 our bouncy balls. I cannot remember that address, I just
22 remember the house by that.

23 Sorry. I'm out of breath.

24 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Take your time.

25 THE COURT: Take your time.

1 [REDACTED] The earliest memory I have is
2 laying in bed trying to watch a child movie called *Spirit*. All
3 of a sudden, I remember you and my mom starting to do things
4 under the covers and kissing. One thing went to another and
5 you guys were having sex with me awake right next to you in the
6 bed. You told me to close my ears and that you guys were just
7 playing. I was old enough to know what was going on. One
8 thing you made sure of was that I was not allowed to leave the
9 room and I had to stay there.

10 Making our way to the new house in Bexley, it
11 progressively got worse. You would pull out your laptop, pull
12 up porn websites where we could hear and see what you were
13 doing. You didn't try to hide it. You left it out in the
14 open. For some reason you had no shame in it. You would
15 instead pull your pants down and start jacking off in front of
16 your small, innocent children which is when my older sister and
17 I would take the girls upstairs or play outside. From there
18 you started touching me in places you should have no access to.

19 This happened for years as we stayed there for roughly
20 eight years or so. Not only is this where the sexual abuse
21 started, we were also neglected such as making my older sister
22 and I become parents to our siblings. You dropped my mom off
23 at work and left us there at eight years old to care for three
24 to four small children at the time.

25 You often made remarks of how we were the dishwasher,

1 meaning we were responsible for washing all the dishes,
2 including all the baby bottles. I remember sitting on the
3 counter, wondering how I'm eight, to feeding an infant and one
4 year old while also trying to clean the house. I wasn't a mom
5 and that was not my job.

6 You made us do everything, not to mention we would have
7 no home-cooked meals. It was all simple meals such as oatmeal,
8 mac and cheese, or cereal which also had ants in it which we
9 were responsible for making ourselves when we were children,
10 scared, learning how to take care of ourselves but also babies
11 at the same time.

12 At the new house on Allegheny is when things got to
13 their very worst. You would say very nasty comments to us
14 about our body parts as we were going through changes and
15 growing. You had no care in the world. You kept doing it with
16 no remorse. You would slap our butts and brush your private
17 parts up against us as if it was no big deal. You had no care
18 in the world, and you kept doing it, again, with no remorse.

19 One of my younger sisters was around the ages of two or
20 four when we decided to pull her in my room and ask her if
21 daddy has said or done anything to her, which then she replied,
22 he made her touch down there in the basement. We, meaning my
23 older sister and I, had it on recording to turn it into the
24 police. We got grounded days later and deleted it because we
25 were scared.

1 This question we asked our little sister after my older
2 sister and I spent hours on the playground going through the
3 text messages between you and Jessica. They were very nasty
4 and explicit such as fantasies you had with each of us in it,
5 and how you wanted the younger girls to be present in the room
6 when you had sex so they can listen and watch.

7 Who thinks that about their own children?

8 I knew it was really real. I saw the text messages with
9 my own eyes, as did my older sister. At your work jobs, you
10 had us come with you. And even on the car rides, you would
11 expose yourself to us, and again when we got there. You then
12 installed cameras which we all thought was very weird, at least
13 for the one in your bedroom, and you always got mad or yelled
14 when we questioned you.

15 There was one incident I will never forget as I do not
16 feel comfortable saying right now, but it was on the way to
17 school in your red pickup truck. So I was in either seventh or
18 eighth grade and you made a comment about my sister's body part
19 that you most definitely should not have told me or have even
20 known. I was sick after hearing that. There's so many more
21 incidents we can talk about, but we would honestly be here for
22 probably hours.

23 Going to school or work or my boyfriend's was an escape
24 from reality. I felt safe there. I never wanted to leave. I
25 got very comfortable with a few teachers there and told them

1 stories I knew they had to report. I was happy. Finally,
2 someone was hearing me and was going to be able to help me and
3 my sisters out. But the system again failed us. No matter how
4 many times the school would call, I quickly learned we'd become
5 coached on what to say anyway. Of course, you guys were always
6 present during the questions they asked. I started losing
7 doubt after so many reports, and we were still getting let down
8 by people who were supposed to protect us.

9 Fast forward to the summer before my sophomore year, I
10 went to our Aunt Courtney's which is your sister. They were
11 very, very close. She had told me an experience with my other
12 aunt that he did to her, and I couldn't imagine it or even
13 believe her, but it was concerning knowing that it was more
14 than just my sisters and I at the time. Eventually, I told her
15 a few things of what was going on, and she seemed to believe
16 me. I was finally going to get my sisters out but, of course,
17 nothing happened. I would instead get threatened by her that
18 she was going to call him to pick me up and so forth, which I
19 was feeling very scared and nervous to go back after I just
20 told the truth.

21 She had made me write in a notebook everything. After
22 getting sent back to my parents, she threatened to let him read
23 what I had said, which I knew I was back to square one. I
24 couldn't trust my own family to help when I needed them the
25 most. Even the police didn't believe me. How was a

1 17-year-old high schooler going to save herself but, most
2 importantly, her younger sisters? I honestly had no clue at
3 this point.

4 The fear I carried with me every single day up until
5 recent has been unbearable. It was crucial living this life,
6 having parents but not good ones that were supposed to love and
7 care about you. I've always questioned why my sisters and I?
8 But we got the bad ones. What did we do to deserve this?

9 Oftentimes I blame myself. I blame myself for not being
10 there enough and protecting them as much as I should have. I
11 feel guilty saying I'd go to the end of the earth for my
12 daughter because why didn't I do that for my sisters who needed
13 me at the time the most?

14 Still to this day, I blame myself. There's nothing
15 anyone can say or do. I will forever carry that burden. I
16 look at these girls as my own children as I have raised them.
17 I cared for them my whole life as if they were my own. I
18 struggle a lot of days knowing I'll never have a dad to walk me
19 down an aisle, a grandfather for my children, a dad to teach me
20 about my car, a dad to show me how I'm supposed to be treated
21 in a relationship. He ruined it all with all seven of his
22 daughters.

23 I have a daughter now. Because of my trauma, I go above
24 and beyond to make sure she is safe and healthy, but I fear too
25 much for my daughter where it's taken over me. I cannot live

1 a, quote/unquote, normal life. I'm a young mom. I hardly ever
2 get a break from my child because I fear something will happen
3 to her based off my own childhood. I'm always overworried and
4 concerned.

5 It may seem just like an overprotective mom, but it's
6 much worse than that. I'm always thinking, well, what if this
7 or that. I wish I could leave my child with someone other than
8 her dad to get a break, but I simply cannot allow myself to do
9 it. I'm beyond paranoid and want to feel I'm doing the most to
10 protect her.

11 Sitting here today hearing all of our statements and the
12 rest that you'll hear after me, and our feelings or emotions, I
13 hope you take that into consideration. I hope you choose to
14 give Stephen the highest sentencing possible. This has not
15 only affected my day-to-day life and how I viewed others, but
16 it has also affected my relationship with my partner and my
17 daughter. He has caused me to suffer, and I will no longer let
18 him have that control over that.

19 He deserves the highest sentencing possible due to the
20 amount of people's lives he has ruined and destroyed. I hope I
21 never see you another day in my life and may he rot in hell. I
22 hope you remember your own words, that the truth will always
23 come out in the end, and it most definitely sure has.

24 THE COURT: [REDACTED], thank you very much.

25 [REDACTED], one other thing. I encourage you to

1 continue with your counseling. But as deeply as I know how, I
2 want you to unburden yourself of the guilt. You did the best
3 that you could, categorically, under the circumstances. God
4 speed.

5 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Your Honor, next, I'd like to
6 publish the victim impact statement written by [REDACTED]
7 [REDACTED]. She had to leave, but I'm seeking leave to do that.

8 THE COURT: You may.

9 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Stephen, the first thing I want to
10 say is you tried to hurt me emotionally, physically, and
11 mentally. That is not something a father does. Even though
12 you continuously knocked me down, I rose above and came out
13 stronger than I have ever been and I feel so safe. I have a
14 hula hoop, and on the inside of my hula hoop, I am in complete
15 control. But so long you pushed yourself inside of that and
16 suffocated me in your negativity and toxicity. But now I can
17 confidently say you're on the outside of that hula hoop and you
18 no longer control my happiness.

19 Since you got arrested and the truth about your actions
20 has finally rose to the surface, I've learned how to see
21 through people and their manipulation and have built
22 relationships with people who have changed my perspective on
23 life, and I no longer walk around with the shame of being a
24 snowflake or being too emotional. Even though what you did to
25 not only me but my sisters was brutal and horrific, I have

1 radically accepted that I cannot change you.

2 So I hope the Court gives you the highest sentence so
3 hopefully one day you can finally see yourself for who you are,
4 a true narcissistic rapist. For a year, while I was doing
5 everything I could at 17 to get you arrested, you told
6 everybody I was a liar and that I was being an ungrateful
7 teenager. But now who is the one in the orange jumpsuit?

8 THE COURT: Just one second.

9 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Your Honor, [REDACTED] is asking to
10 sit at this time but asked if I could stand with her.

11 THE COURT: Absolutely.

12 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: [REDACTED], you are still under
13 oath. You had described your relationship to Jessica in this
14 case. Can you just put on the record how you know Stephen
15 Wilson?

16 [REDACTED] I'm also his daughter.

17 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Did you prepare a statement today
18 on behalf of the sentencing for Stephen Wilson?

19 [REDACTED] I did.

20 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: I'm going to have you read that at
21 this time.

22 [REDACTED] Stephen Andrew Wilson, okay, now
23 let's be real. There was more bad than good in our daughter
24 and father relationship, but also because of the tension in the
25 room and guilt he had for us. So I will start with good before

1 bad. So let's start.

2 I did love it when we went with work with him and ate
3 and hung out and talked about life. Yeah, I didn't open up a
4 lot not -- that's because I hate talking about my feelings. So
5 you can probably imagine how I felt. I kept the stress in so I
6 did not hurt my family, and I was also scared of being like one
7 of my sisters. They went to the hospital too much. I hate it
8 whenever I go in the door, I get hit with all the memories.
9 You never took us to the doctors. Why? You knew this was a
10 messed-up thing to do. So why continue -- why continue --
11 wait. Why continue and took -- and lie and brainwash us? What
12 did we do?

13 So I see we got into the bad things. They weren't
14 really happy moments with him. He would always stay in the
15 basement or sleep and watch TV on his phone or work. He was a
16 messed-up dad. He would tell us that no one loved him and we
17 would run to love him. There was one I remember by heart.
18 Jessica was pissed off at him and walked out. He chased her.
19 They yelled. He ran outside and ran to his room crying like he
20 just got yelled at by his parents. I went in and remember
21 these words like it was yesterday. He said "no one fucking --
22 no one loves me. Why? I do so much to try to help."

23 Then I sat there and was like, yeah, you help -- you
24 "help" us. I gave him a hug and then you grabbed me in a weird
25 way. I try not to think of it but it comes sometimes.

1 There was also another day when Jessica threw her
2 wedding ring and everyone went to go look for it. This other
3 time happened a lot at home. She would pack up and leave and
4 force us to leave and stay with him.

5 So, Judge, I want him to stay there for max, please. I
6 don't want other kids to go through what we had to go through.
7 He needs to face his consequences for what he had gone through.

8 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Thank you, [REDACTED].

9 THE COURT: Thank you, [REDACTED].

10 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: There's two victim impact
11 statements left specific to Stephen. I would ask to adopt all
12 the other ones that were read to both. But I would re-call
13 Nicole Mays to the stand.

14 THE COURT: Is Ms. Mays' testimony --

15 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: It's different.

16 THE COURT: Ms. Mays, please come forward. You're
17 still under oath.

18 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Ms. Mays, you had previously read
19 your victim impact statement which addressed your wishes for
20 the maximum penalty for both Stephen and Jessica, but there was
21 a portion that had not been published to the Court related to
22 Stephen. If you could read that.

23 MS. NICOLE MAYS: Okay.

24 What kind of father are you?

25 I apologize. I left the paper over there. I grabbed

1 Jessica's and not Stephen's.

2 Emily, I'm sorry. It's right here. I apologize.

3 What kind of father are you? When I heard all the
4 evidence against you, I couldn't believe what I was hearing.
5 You're sick. You're disgusting. You're a monster. You preyed
6 on your own children because you knew you couldn't get away
7 with preying on others. You say that drugs was the reason you
8 did this, right? I laugh at that sorry excuse. We all know
9 drugs don't force you to rape and molest children. It was your
10 choice. And if you want to claim it was drugs, then you could
11 have gotten help, gone to a meeting, or rehab, something. The
12 facts are you did not stop. You just kept doing these
13 horrible, horrific things.

14 The maximum amount of time in prison isn't enough for
15 what you did. You ripped your children's innocent life away.
16 You deprived them of a childhood they deserved. You left them
17 with scars and trauma that no child should ever have to endure.
18 But know that with all the pain and manipulation and the hurt,
19 these girls are not letting it defeat them or define them. You
20 may think you have won trying to fool people, but you have lost
21 because the truth has been told.

22 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Thank you, Nicole.

23 THE COURT: Thank you.

24 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Finally, I would re-call Michele
25 to the stand to read her letter to Stephen.

1 THE COURT: You mean Ms. Bush?

2 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Michele Blake.

3 THE COURT: I'm sorry.

4 Ms. Blake, you're still under oath. You may proceed.

5 MS. MICHELE BLAKE: Your Honor, when I was first told
6 I would be able to address the Court today, I did not think it
7 would be possible for me to get past my anger towards Stephen
8 enough to be able to write this. It is impossible for me to
9 fully and adequately describe the impact he has had on [REDACTED]
10 life, her sisters' lives, or my life. Unfortunately, he has
11 damaged multiple lives including the lives of his innocent
12 children. There's no excuse for his actions, none.

13 Stephen was a father. He was supposed to protect his
14 children, not hurt them. It is because of his actions that his
15 children no longer live together and have been forced to start
16 over without their parents. Due to Stephen's actions, [REDACTED]
17 will never know what it feels like to grow up in a safe and
18 stable home. She has been forced to grow up quickly.

19 [REDACTED] told me "food was not always available to us kids
20 because my dad did not like going to the store." She remembers
21 being young and climbing on the counter to make sandwiches for
22 her and her sisters because her father would not make them
23 dinner, or being told to stay outside so her dad could be alone
24 in the house and take drugs.

25 Stephen failed to protect his children. He failed to be

1 their father. Stephen chose to be selfish. He chose to put
2 his needs in front of his children. He chose to hurt his
3 children, to rob them of their childhood.

4 Now, I get to support [REDACTED] as she struggles to
5 overcome the damage Stephen has caused. I get to support her
6 when she has panic attacks, comfort her when she cries, and
7 take her to therapy. It breaks my heart to see her struggling
8 to overcome the damage Stephen has caused, including learning
9 to trust men again.

10 Some days she does well. Other days the smallest thing
11 can set her back by reminding her of the things he did.
12 Stephen is learning -- sorry. [REDACTED] is learning coping
13 strategies and finding ways to deal with her trauma, but she
14 will never know what it would have been like to grow up in a
15 safe and stable home.

16 I am blessed to have [REDACTED] as a member of my family.
17 She is a thoughtful, supportive, talented teen. Every day I
18 get to watch [REDACTED] grow. I get to see her reach her goals,
19 but I also see the pain and scars Stephen made and continues to
20 make by not being the father [REDACTED] deserves. I have and will
21 continue to be there for her. I will teach her to drive, help
22 her apply to college and start a life on her own. But I am not
23 her father. That is a void I will never be able to fill.

24 I ask the Court to give Stephen the maximum sentence
25 possible for his crimes and to keep the no-contact order in

1 place. Please do not allow Stephen to contact his children as
2 they work and try to heal from the pain he has caused them.

3 Thank you for your time in considering my wishes today.

4 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Blake.

5 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Your Honor, the government has no
6 additional evidence to put forth at the sentencing hearing
7 today. I am seeking leave to argue briefly.

8 THE COURT: Please proceed with your argument.

9 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: The evil that is sexual abuse
10 breeds in secrecy and darkness and thrives on silence and
11 complicity. Stephen Wilson counted on that. He counted on
12 that silence from his victims who were his own biological
13 daughters, and used his position of trust and authority as
14 their father to continue to manipulate, exploit, and abuse
15 them. He relied on the complicity of Jessica Wilson, his wife,
16 in order to continue this vicious cycle for years.

17 Today, Your Honor is going to sentence Stephen Wilson
18 for the horrors he inflicted on his children and the hundreds
19 of children depicted in the images that were on the child
20 pornography collection that he had amassed. At that point
21 today, in this moment, the darkness and secrecy of his actions
22 will finally come to light. He will be forced to take
23 accountability for these unfathomable actions that he has put
24 forth on his own children.

25 The United States recognizes what it is asking the Court

1 to do today. There are serious decisions that affect the rest
2 of the life of the person that's seated here before you today.
3 But the reason the United States is asking for such a serious
4 sentence, specifically the maximum possible sentence in this
5 case which is 60 years, 720 months, making the defendant
6 approximately 88 years old is because there has never been a
7 case that has warranted more.

8 Nothing was off limits for Mr. Wilson. Nothing. Not
9 his own children, not other children he had access to, not
10 children that were on the Internet that he continuously
11 exploited in child pornography groups, and not even innocent
12 children that he -- that were depicted on the Internet that he
13 photoshopped his own genitalia onto. Nothing was beyond the
14 sexual deviancy of Stephen Wilson. He knew no bounds, and this
15 went on for years and years and years.

16 THE COURT: What role, Ms. Czerniejewski, do you
17 believe his family history, or scripts as Dr. Stinson set
18 forth -- let me read this to you.

19 Steve was disadvantaged and at risk literally from
20 conception. He was born into a family where his paternal
21 grandfather sexually molested Steve's father, a paternal aunt,
22 Steve's full-blooded sister and a paternal half-sister. On his
23 mom's side, two maternal uncles were incarcerated for molesting
24 their children. On top of that risk, Steve was the product of
25 young and immature parents.

1 Dr. Stinson goes on to say his mother was just 15 years
2 old when he was conceived and was ill equipped to care for him,
3 still attending school herself and trying to work in the
4 evenings. His father, too, was quite young, just 19 years old
5 when Steve was born. His mother drank alcohol excessively, and
6 his father, a victim of sexual abuse by his own father, was a
7 drug addict. This contributed to additional familial and
8 environmental instability as Steve's family was evicted for --
9 from various residences and Steve was thus made to move and
10 transfer schools multiple times as a youth, not just
11 destabilizing his home life but also destabilizing his
12 environment more generally, including his neighborhood and his
13 schooling.

14 There was significant discord between his parents to the
15 point that Steve holds a very vivid recollection of his dad
16 once pulling a gun on his mother during the outcome.

17 Steve's prognosis for a favorable outcome only worsened
18 as he moved into adolescence. His parents divorced when he was
19 14 or 15. Around that same time, he learned he had a
20 12-and-a-half-year-old paternal half-sister, the product of his
21 father's infidelity.

22 Moreover, it was around that same time that Steve's
23 maternal grandmother, a person he thought of more as a mother
24 than a grandmother, died. From that point forward, things got
25 worse for Steve. He ended up with a stepfather who was

1 addicted to pills and who at one point pulled a knife on Steve
2 before the stepfather ultimately went to prison for killing his
3 own father. Steve ended up with a stepmother who was just six
4 years older than him, a person who could never -- a person he
5 could never see as a parental figure.

6 I just have one more short paragraph to read because
7 that was by background for my question which is embodied more
8 in this paragraph.

9 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Yes.

10 THE COURT: These were the scripts, in quotes, that
11 Steve was introduced to at conception and that were reinforced
12 from birth forward. Scripts are essentially self-destructive
13 routines that, from generation to generation, become so
14 predictable that members seem to be following a script, that
15 is, a plan that was developed for them that they were destined
16 to follow as that way of life was passed from one generation to
17 the next, each self-destructive process coming in on cue as the
18 plot unfolds.

19 In this case, Steve, like his father and stepfather,
20 turned to drugs. Indeed, he had a significant substance use
21 problem, developing a mild Xanax use disorder and a severe
22 cannabis, cocaine, and ecstasy use disorder. Like his parents,
23 he had his first child when he was a teenager, in this case, 17
24 years old. Also like his parents, he married a teenager, a 17
25 year old, when he was just a teenager, 18 years old. Then,

1 like his grandfather and multiple uncles, he went on to molest
2 his children.

3 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Your Honor, are you asking what I
4 make of it?

5 THE COURT: What consideration, Ms. Czerniejewski,
6 does the Court give to that as we work to impose a
7 dispassionate sentence that is, at the same time,
8 individualized but cognizant of the great and deep wrongs that
9 were visited upon these young ladies as you heard me reference
10 in the sentence of the defendant Jessica Wilson?

11 Because, Ms. Czerniejewski, as well as you advocate for
12 the victims -- and you should because I've not seen victims of
13 this nature and magnitude in my career both as a lawyer and as
14 a judge. But this is the reality with which we're faced. So
15 it is not sufficient that you don't address that as well --

16 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Absolutely, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: -- in your recitation.

18 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Respectfully, Your Honor, the
19 report that Stephen Wilson gave the psychologist that was
20 evaluating him was done on July 28th, 2022. There was no
21 verification of any information in this.

22 THE COURT: Assume for the purpose of my question that
23 these things are not made up.

24 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: If everything is factually
25 correct, then I would address specifically page 6 of this

1 report which indicates which of these adverse child experiences
2 applies to Stephen. There's categories. Emotional abuse, no.
3 So the forensic psychologist evaluating this defendant is
4 saying there's not an adverse child experience of emotional
5 abuse by Stephen Wilson.

6 Physical abuse, no, although he was bullied by his
7 cousin. So Stephen Wilson has not experienced the adverse
8 childhood experience of physical abuse.

9 Sexual abuse, no. Stephen Wilson was never sexually
10 abused. I just want to put that out there. There are reports
11 by him of other people in his family allegedly doing this to
12 others. Nobody did this to Stephen. So this generational
13 trauma of passing down what's been done --

14 THE COURT: It was his sister who was sexually abused.

15 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Again, I -- respectfully, I don't
16 know what has happened, but I don't necessarily buy what he is
17 selling in his report to somebody who --

18 THE COURT: Remember, you're an advocate now and you
19 have to follow the guardrails that I've just put in place.
20 Those guardrails are that we're going to assume for the purpose
21 of my question that those facts are true. So I want you to
22 maintain your objectivity, Ms. Czerniejewski.

23 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Then I would just continue to note
24 that as far as adverse child experiences, this forensic
25 psychologist also opined that he has not experienced emotional

1 or physical neglect. The only life experiences that he has
2 been subjected to that would negatively impact how he is - now
3 an adult - are separated or divorced parents, a mother that was
4 treated violently, substance abuse in the home, mental illness
5 in the household, and that's it.

6 I would say to Your Honor that there are numerous people
7 in the United States with separated or divorced parents that
8 were subject to households filled with domestic violence or
9 addiction to substances and mental health. Those are like the
10 four cruxes of American families, and none of them are raping
11 their own children to this extent. None of them are sexually
12 assaulting their own children to this extent. And not just
13 sexually assaulting, recording it, fantasizing about it years
14 later.

15 This is some of the most sick and depraved behavior, and
16 I don't think what we read in this report justifies it. And
17 that's not just me being the United States saying give the
18 harshest sentence.

19 THE COURT: I understand.

20 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: It's me reviewing every text
21 message, every image, every video in this case and knowing that
22 this small snapshot of a report that purports to show who
23 Stephen was, or these scripts that he is subjected to, does not
24 even remotely sway my opinion about what his sentence should
25 be. And that's because for the last 18 months I've been living

1 with this evidence. The agent has been living with this
2 evidence, but this has been going on for decades in the home.
3 [REDACTED] just got on the stand and told you this has been
4 going on since she was a child. She is 20 years old. This is
5 years and years of exploitation and abuse.

6 I would note this report indicates there was a
7 seven-year period where he was sober and doing well.
8 Apparently something happened -- and I can't recall the exact
9 sentence. But, more specifically, he decides he's not going to
10 use drugs anymore. That takes the turn for the worse when a
11 friend gets out of prison and he starts reusing again. Even
12 the times when he's sober, he is sexually exploiting his
13 children and children on the Internet. Let's not forget
14 there's massive amounts of child pornography in this case.

15 THE COURT: Thank you. You answered my question
16 satisfactorily. You can continue with the other parts of your
17 argument if you have anything further.

18 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: I go back to the fact that this is
19 a hard sentence to ask for. This is a hard sentence to give.
20 But this is a small amount of time compared to the fact that
21 these girls have been living with this their entire life and
22 they have to continue living it for the rest of their lives.
23 They don't want a relationship with their father. They never
24 want to see him again. You heard that multiple times. They
25 are literally asking for the maximum possible sentence for

1 Stephen Wilson because of what he's done.

2 I think the peace of mind that a sentence like that
3 ensures is important in respect to what has been presented to
4 the Court. I mean, this is not a run-of-the-mill child
5 exploitation case. This is the child exploitation case, not
6 one, not two, but three biological children of this defendant,
7 all of whom have been exploited in the worst possible way. Not
8 even that, exploited and manipulated. They were told that
9 their sisters were liars. They were manipulated to not believe
10 each other and thereby isolating themselves, giving the
11 defendant better access to them in the first place.

12 I'm asking for a sentence of 60 years. I understand
13 it's substantial, and I understand that it's a hard sentence to
14 hand out, but if there was ever a case that warranted something
15 like this, it's this one. This goes above and beyond any
16 deviant sexual behavior that I have seen in my career, to Your
17 Honor's point. And I understand there's some hardships that
18 this defendant has suffered through. But don't we all? And
19 none of us are doing even a small amount of what he has been
20 proven beyond a reasonable doubt to have done.

21 I'm not going to reiterate every sentencing factor
22 outlined in my sentencing memorandum. I'm not going to tell
23 you that the general and specific deterrence in this case
24 warrants that kind of sentence. I've outlined it ad nauseam.

25 I do want to note, finally, that a lot of the focus of

1 this mitigation as relates to Stephen begins and ends with the
2 substance abuse history that he has experienced. Again,
3 unfortunately, the United States doesn't buy what he is selling
4 because addiction is about as prevalent in the United States as
5 getting a parking ticket, and nobody -- there's no correlation
6 between those who use or abuse alcohol and substances and those
7 that sexually assault multiple times their own children and
8 then use that sexual assault in the filming of such to
9 fantasize about it for years to come.

10 Stephen Wilson is a sexual predator and he deserves to
11 be treated as much. That warrants a sentence at the highest
12 possible range contemplated within this plea agreement, and
13 that's what the United States is asking for.

14 THE COURT: Thank you, Ms. Czerniejewski.

15 Mr. Wilson, do you have any remarks?

16 Ms. Czerniejewski?

17 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: I was just going to ask that the
18 girls be brought in.

19 THE COURT: They're in.

20 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Perfect.

21 THE COURT: Mr. Wilson, do you have any remarks you
22 wish to make on your own behalf?

23 THE DEFENDANT: I didn't prepare anything. I prefer
24 to speak from the heart. I wanted to apologize to the Court
25 and yourself, Your Honor, for having the situation happen. I

1 want to thank Nicole, Dana, Michele for raising my kids, doing
2 the job I was unable to do due to the cocktail of drugs I was
3 taking.

4 I have so much remorse. My kids are my life. Ever
5 since I started doing drugs back in 2000 -- restart back doing
6 drugs is when things happened and fell apart. I wish I could
7 take everything back. I really do. What I've done is heinous.
8 I agree. But I have changed.

9 I've started redoing Bible study in the corrections
10 facility, and I plan on doing all the programs I can take. I
11 plan on getting into seminary and trying to follow that path to
12 God again.

13 THE COURT: Please continue if you have any more.

14 THE DEFENDANT: I don't know where else to go with it
15 right now, sir.

16 THE COURT: I just wanted to make sure that there was
17 nothing more that you had to say. Is there anything further?

18 THE DEFENDANT: I also would like to apologize to my
19 kids. I hope with my bad habits I had, they can better their
20 life and be able to be advocates to other people and help them
21 out in situations that I've put them through. That would be
22 it, sir.

23 THE COURT: Mr. Wilson, as I'm sure Ms. MacDonald has
24 indicated to you, my responsibility is to impose a sentence
25 that is sufficient but not greater than necessary to comply

1 with the purposes set out in the statute of conviction by the
2 Congress.

3 As I indicated with respect to your codefendant, these
4 crimes as denominated are heinous and egregious when spoken, to
5 wit, sexual exploitation of a minor, Counts One and Three, and
6 then attempted sexual exploitation after a minor, Count Two.
7 But sexual exploitation of a minor or attempted sexual
8 exploitation of a minor, when read, does not begin to
9 comprehend the extent, the egregiousness and the absolute, as
10 you put it, heinousness of the crimes that you perpetrated
11 against these children. That's exacerbated by the fact that
12 they were your children, not that it's ever in any circumstance
13 permissible for one to exploit children.

14 The depravity -- and you referenced your heart.
15 Obviously, I can't say from where I sit and in the capacity in
16 which I sit that you don't have a heart. As a layperson, if I
17 could be that for one moment doing this sentence, I would say
18 that you are, without doubt, the most heartless individual I
19 have ever seen. As they say, "Have you ever seen anything like
20 that?" My response would be I never even imagined anything
21 like that. The depths of your depravity is beyond my moral and
22 mortal comprehension.

23 But having said that, I will be the first to admit that
24 though difficult, this is the -- this is my job, this is my
25 responsibility, and I will discharge that responsibility within

1 the bounds of the law. But I want you to know under no
2 uncertain terms that the crimes that you committed against
3 these young ladies is one that will resonate with these young
4 ladies, and it should resonate with you and with your
5 codefendant because I don't know how you go about purging
6 yourself, cleansing yourself, finding redemption for what you
7 have done.

8 I say that understanding that you, too, had these
9 scripts, as Dr. Stinson put it. But Ms. Czerniejewski is
10 absolutely correct. As you go through these types of adverse
11 childhood experiences, there was no sexual abuse, physical
12 abuse, emotional abuse, emotional neglect or physical neglect.
13 It was almost as if you saw this -- you were prescient and you
14 saw these boxes and you decided because they weren't checked
15 that you would check them, because that is what you have
16 effectively done. But as I told you when I spoke about the
17 indomitability of the human spirit, that's what your daughters
18 represent.

19 Mr. Wilson, the first part of the analysis that was --
20 that was just a preamble.

21 The first part of the analysis is a balancing test, that
22 is, to reflect the seriousness of the offense and to juxtapose
23 that to your personal history and characteristics. In fact --
24 not as read but in fact, it is a most serious offense. It goes
25 up to that line of murder almost, because when you rob someone

1 of their youth, you take away from them that which cannot be
2 given back.

3 It's like taking away someone's life. You can't
4 singularly give life, but you can singularly take it away. But
5 because of the indomitability of those precious young girls of
6 yours, you could not take away what was rightfully theirs. You
7 made a gallant effort, if you and gallant can ever be put in
8 the same sentence. But you made an effort to destroy those
9 girls, and you -- fortunately, for all of us, you have failed,
10 and now you must pay for these types of transgressions that are
11 as close to a crime against humanity as I've ever thought that
12 I'd see in a federal courthouse.

13 The Nuremberg trials, I suppose were -- they were at the
14 Hague, I believe. That was not a federal courthouse as known
15 in the United States, but that's the closest thing that I can
16 see when I think about the crimes that you have perpetrated
17 here.

18 As I pointed out, even when I look at your history and
19 characteristics, it couldn't come close to justifying what
20 you've done. You drove one daughter to make at least two
21 suicide attempts. I don't know, and you didn't care to
22 describe for me or to tell me, what is the dark place within
23 you that would cause you to expose your penis to a young
24 daughter of yours or to play with your baby child's vagina with
25 your penis? What type of satisfaction or gratification could

1 you get from doing that to your own flesh and blood? I would
2 ask how you could live with yourself in doing that, but it's
3 obvious that you're capable of it because you have and you do.

4 So demographics don't equal destiny, Mr. Wilson, and
5 I'll never be convinced of that. Because of what happened to
6 you, that does not justify in any way what you did to these
7 girls. Admittedly, you didn't see boundaries, at least based
8 on what Dr. Stinson said and the sordid history of your clan.
9 But none of that justified what you did to them. And,
10 obviously, in your allocution, you didn't set forth what
11 animated you to commit these heinous crimes.

12 You apologized to the Court. There's no need to
13 apologize to me. I wasn't the victim here. You say that
14 you've changed, but query whether you've changed when you start
15 out apologizing to the sentencing authority, which leads me to
16 believe that that same manipulative individual who told his
17 daughters how much he loved them so that he could perform the
18 most heinous sexual acts upon them, he was back and he was
19 going to tell old Judge Marbley how sorry he was to the Court
20 that he committed these acts. Then you thanked the people for
21 raising them. But, you know, the apologies should be directed
22 to your daughters.

23 You talk about how you adopted religion, and I guess a
24 part of any religion is prayer. So, if that's the case, then
25 you should have been telling me about how every day you pray

1 for the well-being of your daughters and for forgiveness as to
2 what you have done to them. It's not only unthinkable, but if
3 we were not in this forum where it was necessary, it should
4 also be unspeakable. Some things are just that terrible in
5 nature that no one could even contemplate how you could commit
6 these terrible crimes. You should suffer not in a transcendent
7 Biblical or religious way, but you are worthy of the full
8 extent and breadth of punishment that can be meted out under
9 the law.

10 When we get to it, we will discuss -- I will discuss
11 what rehabilitative efforts can be undertaken not to redeem
12 your soul, which may be irredeemable, but to address the issues
13 that led you to do what you have done which is, or at least
14 should be on a moral continuum, unforgivable.

15 The sentence I will impose will reflect the seriousness
16 of the offense in order to remote respect for the law and to
17 provide just punishment for the offense. That is the
18 retributive ideal of justice. Society is punishing you for
19 violating its criminal laws.

20 It must afford adequate deterrence to criminal conduct.
21 There are two aspects of deterrence. General deterrence -- and
22 as I explained earlier, anyone who would contemplate, if there
23 exists such evil -- anyone who would contemplate doing what you
24 did would be dissuaded from carrying out these types of crimes
25 lest they suffer the full weight and breadth of American

1 jurisprudence punishment, and they would be dissuaded from
2 following this path.

3 The other interest sought to be vindicated by deterrence
4 is specific deterrence. I want to impose a sentence upon you
5 which is so severe that you would not be able to -- you would
6 refrain from this type of criminality or any type of
7 criminality lest you suffer the same or similar fate. But in
8 addition to that, because of the nature of what you've done,
9 Mr. Wilson, I'm going to give you a sentence that is severe
10 enough such that even if you had the desire to perform these
11 acts again, you would be incapable of these acts, although in
12 law school we always would -- when you take decedents' estates
13 and trust, there is a concept known as the fertile
14 octogenarian.

15 It was thought that women would still be able to bear
16 children at 80; so many of the laws that were enacted and that
17 dealt with the passing down of property contemplated that women
18 could still bear fruit in their 80s. But it was limited to
19 women. It was not to men. There was probably a legitimate
20 reason for that. I'm going to take every step that I can to
21 make sure that you are not an exception to that rule. So you
22 will not be in a position, Mr. Wilson, ever to harm any person
23 again. You have visited your last harm upon anyone.

24 The sentence I will give will protect the public from
25 further crimes of the defendant. That is the incapacitation

1 ideal, Mr. Wilson. The theory is that if you're locked away,
2 you can't harm anyone. But you will be locked away for such a
3 long time that when and if you get out, you will be physically
4 incapable of harming anyone.

5 Finally, the sentence I will give will provide you with
6 needed educational or vocational training, medical care or
7 other correctional treatment in the most effective manner.
8 That is the rehabilitative ideal, Mr. Wilson. As part of your
9 sentence, you will have sex offender training. You will have
10 mental health training and all of that, to prepare you for life
11 on the outside as an octogenarian.

12 I will now state the sentence I intend to impose, but
13 counsel will have a final opportunity to make any legal
14 objections before it is imposed.

15 Pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984 and 18
16 United States Code Section 3553(a), it is the judgment of the
17 Court that the defendant, Stephen A. Wilson, is hereby
18 committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons
19 to be imprisoned for a term of 360 months on each count to run
20 consecutively. That is, you will be given 720 months,
21 Mr. Wilson, or 60 years. When you get out, you'll be 88.

22 Upon release from imprisonment at or about the age of
23 88, you shall serve a term of supervised release of life on
24 each count to run concurrently. Within 72 hours of release
25 from imprisonment, you must report to the probation office in

1 the district to which you are released.

2 I want to take a moment here because Ms. MacDonald made
3 a compelling argument. Ms. MacDonald is one of the best
4 lawyers who appear in my court day in and day out. She argued
5 from the report of Dr. Stinson. I want the record to reflect
6 that I gave due consideration to Dr. Stinson's report and your
7 background because, but for the report, I may have rejected the
8 11(c)(1)(C) plea on the basis that 60 years was not enough time
9 for what you have done to these young ladies. I just want the
10 record to be clear on that.

11 While in the Bureau of Prisons, you shall participate in
12 substance abuse, sex offender and mental health counseling.
13 While on supervision, you must not commit another federal,
14 state or local crime. You shall be prohibited from possessing
15 a firearm, ammunition, destructive device or dangerous weapon.
16 You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance. You
17 must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance.

18 You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of
19 release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests
20 thereafter as determined by the Court.

21 You must cooperate in the collection of your DNA as
22 directed by the probation officer, and you must comply with the
23 standard conditions of supervision that have been adopted by
24 this Court, as well as the following special conditions. You
25 shall participate in a sex offender treatment program to

1 include a sex offender risk assessment, psychosexual
2 evaluation, and/or other evaluations as needed. You shall
3 follow the rules and regulations of the sex offender treatment
4 program as approved by the probation office. You shall sign
5 all necessary authorization forms to release confidential
6 information so that treatment providers, the probation officer,
7 polygraph examiner and others are allowed to communicate openly
8 about your course of treatment and progress in treatment.

9 You shall make a copayment for sex offender treatment
10 services not to exceed \$25 per month which is determined by the
11 probation officer's assessment of your ability to pay.

12 You shall be subject to periodic polygraph examinations
13 at the discretion and direction of the probation officer as
14 means to ensure that you are in compliance with the
15 requirements of your treatment or supervision. The polygraph
16 testing will be at your expense based on the probation
17 officer's assessment of your ability to pay.

18 Your residence and employment shall be preapproved by
19 the probation officer and must be in compliance with state and
20 local law.

21 You shall not view or possess material, images, videos,
22 or computer files containing sexually explicit conduct as
23 defined by 18 United States Code Section 2256(2)(a) and (b).
24 You shall have no contact with any minors. The term contact
25 extends to all forms of communication such as email, telephone,

1 text, letter, and any other form of electronic communication.
2 This provision does not encompass persons under age 18 such as
3 ticket vendors, cashiers or waiters with whom you must deal in
4 order to obtain normal commercial services.

5 You shall be prohibited from loitering where minors
6 congregate such as, but not limited to, playgrounds, arcades,
7 amusement parks, recreation parks, sports events involving
8 minors, shopping malls and public swimming pools.

9 You shall submit to the installation of software and to
10 monitor computer activities on any computer you're authorized
11 to use at your expense. The software will record any and all
12 activities on your computer. The software will be checked on a
13 periodic basis. You have no expectations of privacy regarding
14 computer use or information stored on the computer and shall
15 make others -- make other users of said computer aware of the
16 monitoring software.

17 The defendant - you, Mr. Wilson - understands that any
18 information gathered by said software may be used against you
19 in subsequent court actions regarding your computer use and the
20 conditions of supervision. Furthermore, you shall comply with
21 the rules set forth in the computer and Internet monitoring
22 agreement and the computer and Internet acceptable use
23 agreement as adopted by the Southern District of Ohio.

24 In consideration of 18 United States Code Section
25 3583(d)(3), you shall submit and/or surrender any media device

1 to which you have access or control, to a search based on
2 reasonable suspicion of contraband or evidence of a violation
3 of a condition of supervision. A media device is defined as,
4 but not limited to, any device which is capable of accessing
5 the Internet, storing images, text, or other forms of
6 electronic communication.

7 You shall participate in a program of mental health
8 assessment and counseling as directed by the probation office
9 until such time as you are released from such program by the
10 probation office. You will make a copayment for treatment
11 services not to exceed \$25 per month which is determined by
12 your ability to pay.

13 You shall be evaluated to participate in a program of
14 testing and treatment for alcohol and controlled substance
15 abuse as directed by the United States Probation Office until
16 such time as you are released from the program by the probation
17 office. You will make a copayment for treatment services not
18 to exceed \$25 per month which is determined by your ability to
19 pay.

20 You will have no direct or indirect contact with the
21 victims, your daughters, while they are of minority. When they
22 reach majority, they may contact you should they choose to do
23 so, but you can certainly not have any contact with them
24 without the prior written consent of the probation office or
25 the probation officer. You have forfeited that right with your

1 contumacious behavior.

2 I find that you do not have the ability to pay a fine.
3 However, pursuant to the provisions of 18 United States Code
4 Section 3663A, you have to make restitution in the amount of
5 \$3,000 per identified victim in this matter for a total of
6 \$9,000. Restitution is due immediately with any unpaid balance
7 to be paid in the amount of not less than 10 percent of your
8 net income per month as a condition of supervised release.

9 While incarcerated, if you are working in a nonUNICOR or
10 Grade Five UNICOR job, you shall pay \$25 per quarter toward
11 your restitution obligation. If you're working in a Grade One
12 through Four UNICOR job, you shall pay 50 percent of your
13 monthly pay toward the restitution obligation. Any change in
14 this schedule shall be made only by order of the Court.

15 It's the Court's deepest desire, Mr. Wilson, that in 60
16 years, you will be able to pay the \$9,000 that you are required
17 to pay. I haven't done the math, but it's my hope that --
18 that's nothing. It's like sneezing on a forest fire in terms
19 of making these young ladies whole, but I want them to be made
20 whole in every miniscule way they could. I want you to be
21 responsible for doing everything that the law will empower you
22 and require you to do to make those young girls whole.

23 Pursuant to 18 United States Code Section 3612(f)(3)(A),
24 I waive the requirement of interest on any balance of the
25 restitution not paid within 15 days after judgment.

1 It is ordered that you pay a special assessment of \$300,
2 the JVTa assessment of \$15,000, and up to \$50,000 under 18
3 United States Code Section 2259(a) which shall be due
4 immediately.

5 The items listed in the forfeiture allegation of the
6 superseding indictment are hereby forfeited to the government.

7 Are there any objections to the sentence as stated,
8 Ms. MacDonald?

9 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, Your Honor. Just a clarification
10 point. The Court has sentenced him to 360 months per count
11 consecutive. That actually goes outside the range of the
12 (c)(1)(C) plea. That becomes 90 years or 1,080 months. So the
13 Court would either need to --

14 THE COURT: You know what? You're right because there
15 are three counts.

16 MS. MACDONALD: Yes, Your Honor. So the Court would
17 need to run one concurrent or reduce two to --

18 THE COURT: I'm going to run One and Three
19 concurrently, and Two consecutively.

20 Thank you. Math was not my strong suit, Ms. MacDonald.

21 MS. MACDONALD: No objections other than that
22 clarification.

23 THE COURT: Any objection from the government?

24 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: None, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Mr. Wilson, you may appeal this sentence.

1 If you cannot afford an appeal, you may apply for leave to file
2 an appeal *in forma pauperis*. I must caution you that you may
3 appeal on one or two grounds or both. You may appeal if you
4 believe that Ms. MacDonald has rendered ineffective assistance
5 of counsel, and/or you may appeal if you believe that
6 Ms. Czerniejewski or one of the attorneys in the United States
7 Attorney's Office has been guilty of -- one or more, have been
8 guilty of prosecutorial misconduct.

9 If you wish to appeal on one of these two bases or both,
10 you must file a motion with the clerk of court. Any motion
11 must be filed within 14 days of the time that I enter judgment
12 on your sentence.

13 Do you wish the Court to direct the clerk's office to
14 prepare or file a notice of appeal on your behalf?

15 THE DEFENDANT: No, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Ms. MacDonald, are there any other matters
17 that we need to take up at this time?

18 MS. MACDONALD: Not from the defense, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Thank you.

20 Ms. Czerniejewski?

21 MS. CZERNIEJEWSKI: Nothing further.

22 THE COURT: I want to thank everyone for their
23 patience. It's gone a little over five hours. But the issues
24 are serious, the transgressions are beyond the pale of reason
25 and comprehension. So I want to thank everyone for their

1 patience and cooperation.

2 (Proceedings concluded at 5:39 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Shawna J. Evans, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings before the Honorable Algenon L. Marbley, Judge, in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, on the date indicated, reported by me in shorthand and transcribed by me or under my supervision.

s/Shawna J. Evans
Shawna J. Evans, RMR, CRR
Official Federal Court Reporter

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